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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR UNGA GQ

SUBJ: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: ITEM 25: GUAM

REF: STATE 280092 (NOTAL)

1. AS OF NOVEMBER 15, NO AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED
ON THE LANGUAGE ON MILITARY BASES FOR THE GUAM RESOLUTION.
THE BULGARIANS CONTINUE TO PUSH FOR THE LANGUAGE OF LAST
YEAR'S RESOLUTION AND THE SYRIANS FOR THAT OF THIS YEAR'S
COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSENSUS ON GUAM.

2. MISOFF DISCUSSED THE GUAM RESOLUTION WITH MISSION
OR DELEGATION OFFICERS FROM THE FOLLOWING, POINTING OUT
THAT WE WILL OPPOSE ANY RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONCERN
ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF US MILITARY BASES ON GUAM
AND THAT WE WILL URGE OUR ALLIES AND FRIENDS TO JOIN US
IN OPPOSING OR ABSTAINING, ON SUCH A RESOLUTION: AUSTRALIA,
THAILAND, NEW ZEALAND, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES,
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SINGAPORE, NETHERLANDS (AS EC-9 PRES.), FRG, UK, BELGIUM,

CANADA. IN THE ABSENCE OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION, IT IS
DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A CATEGORICAL ASSURANCE OF A NO
VOTE OR ABSTENTION AT THIS TIME.

2. AUSTRALIAN MISSOFF FORRESTER ASKED US WHETHER WE WOULD
WISH AUSTRALIA TO PUSH FOR A MILDER FORMULATION THAN
THAT OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 CONSENSUS, WHICH WOULD EXPRESS
CONCERN THAT MILITARY BASES MIGHT INHIBIT THE RIGHT OF THE
PEOPLE OF GUAM TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE
RATHER THAN ABOUT PRESENCE OF MILITARY BASES PER SE IN A
PREAMBULAR PARA. HE WOULD SEEK TO HOLD THE LANGUAGE OF
THE OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH TO THAT OF OUR DRAFT. HE ALSO ASKED
WHETHER WE WOULD OBJECT, IF SUCH LANGUAGE WERE ADOPTED,
TO AN AUSTRALIAN VOTE IN FAVOR OF SUCH A RESOLUTION.

3. IRANIAN MISSOFF EXFANDIARY INFORMED US THAT
BULGARIANS SAID THEY WILL INSIST ON THE LANGUAGE OF
LAST YEAR'S RESOLUTION. THE FOURTH COMMITTEE WILL NOT
MEET AGAIN UNTIL WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17.

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